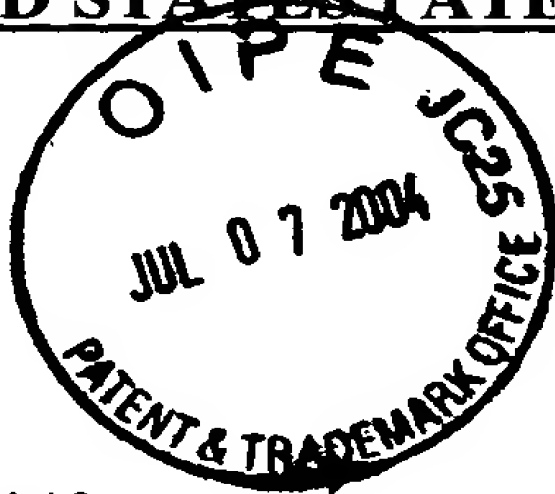


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☐ Other _____

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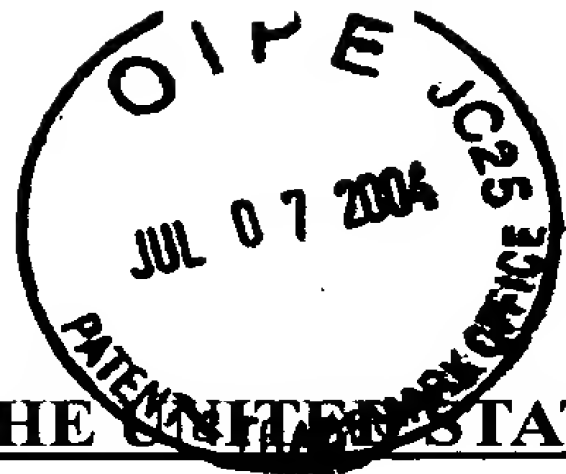
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated May 26, 2004, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on August 26, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: